Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Safety Update

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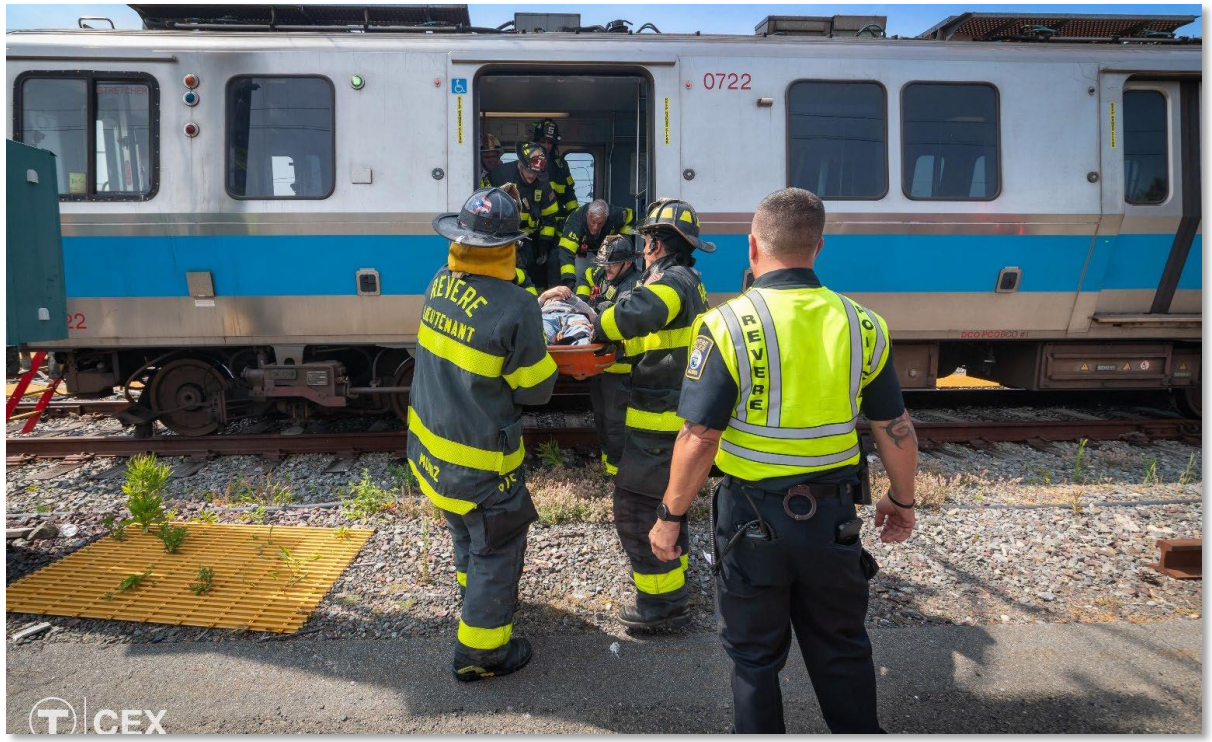
Summary

- Annual Emergency Response Full-Scale Exercises
  - **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Annual Requirement 49 CFR 673**
  - **Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Annual Requirement 49 CFR 239**
- Commuter Rail Safety First Responder Outreach Training

MBTA Annual Emergency Response Drills

Drills target reduction of casualty severity by ensuring that train emergencies are managed effectively.



Blue Line Drill at Orient Heights Yard

Application

- Commuter Rail
- Subway

Coordination

- MassDOT Security & Emergency Management
- MBTA Safety, Transit Police, Operations, SWA
- Municipal Police, Fire, EMS
- Regulatory / Oversight Agencies

MBTA Annual Emergency Response Drills

Planning & Execution

- Scripted drill conditions allow participants to practice executing applicable emergency response plans
- First responders simulate triage and removal of volunteer “passengers” with injuries or disabilities
- SMEs from multiple agencies collaborate in design, execution, and evaluation

Commuter Rail Drill at Foxboro Station

Operational Safety First Responder Training Initiative

Overview

- Identified opportunity to build upon drills and deepen municipal first responders' knowledge of operations and equipment
- Significant interest from initial outreach campaign
- Developed training program that comprises classroom and field modules tailored to environment

Commuter Rail Safety training first responders in Freetown

Operational Safety First Responder Training Initiative

Activity to Date

- ✓Rolled out July 2025
- ✓Initial focus on South Coast Rail communities
- ✓Trained approximately 125 first responders in Fall River, Freetown, New Bedford, Cohasset

Commuter Rail Safety training first responders in New Bedford

Up Next

- ❑Training commitments with Kingston and Scituate
- ❑Additional interest from numerous other agencies

Recent Incidents & Corrective Actions

Thank You. Questions?